

Ashland, Ohio.

Our work is still progressing at Ankenytown in interest and numbers. The members are getting more interested and are beginning to work. The sun is rapidly coming from behind the clouds and has already begun to shine. We believe that all things work together for good for those that trust the Lord. We have been trusting him and he has been blessing us. Last Sunday night at the close of our service we gave our usual invitation, when two came forward and desired to walk with us. We will immerse them the 18th if it is the will of the Lord. We believe that both will make good workers and will be bright lights to the church of God. Others are near the kingdom and we hope will soon walk with God. We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people in behalf of our work at Ankenytown. I know there is a prosperous future before us if we will continue to trust the Lord and thoroughly consecrate our lives to his service. May God help us to do so.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Topsail, Pa.

On Saturday morning, July 13th, Bro. D. C. Christner, of Philadelphia, came to our place very unexpectedly, but very welcome indeed. He preached four very acceptable sermons for our people and made many friends.

On Wednesday the 24th, we started for Bridgeport, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; landed safe at Bro. Murray's same evening. On Thursday evening, also Sunday and Sunday evening Bro. Christner preached for us at this appointment; and at the Sunday evening meeting announcements were made for meeting during the week and over the next Sunday. Just before going to meeting on the evening of the 28th I received a telegram requesting me to come home on account of the death of Sister Hathaway. Hence was not permitted to attend any more of the meetings, but hope and pray that much good will be the result.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

July 30th.

La Paz, Ind.

July 5th.—Two more precious souls united with the church on last Friday night at the Gerhart school house, where a new class was organized by Bro. Palmer some weeks ago. Bro. Palmer preached there on Thursday night and also on Friday night. The new class is in a healthy condition; love and harmony prevail. The brethren and sisters seem to manifest the spirit of their Divine Master, and their influence is felt in that neighborhood. They have a flourishing Sunday school. There is a prospect there for a large ingathering. One of those who united with the church on Friday night is a sister of our esteemed Bro. Samuel Hostetler. She came a distance of about eight miles yesterday to be baptized. Services were held in Bro. Hostetler's front yard, at 3 p. m., where Bro. Palmer preached a short but impressive sermon, after which we repaired to the water, about 150 yards distant, where the baptismal rite was performed by Bro. Palmer. We returned again to Bro. Hostetler's yard where consecration services were held.

Bro. Palmer is doing a good work for the Master and he is highly respected by both saint and sinner. May the Lord bless him abundantly is my prayer.

JACOB ROTHENBERGER.

Iowa Convention.

I second Bro. Nicholson's motion for a convention in Iowa. I think it highly necessary, and the doors of the Mt. Zion church are thrown open by a unanimous vote of the church, and will do our best to entertain it. We have thought long since that a convention was needed, but waited for some one to make a move. Now brethren, let us waken up and push this work along. If it is a good thing in other states it will be good for us. And we should have a state evangelist (not only in name but in deed and truth), as there are many places that should be worked, and with a united effort we can support one. Christ said, 'Go preach my gospel to every creature'; and the Apostle says, how shall they preach unless they be sent? As the people of Dakota have received the word gladly, we can work together.

S. T. GROVE.

Aurelia, Iowa, Aug. 4th.

Hudson, Iowa.

I notice a move by Elder J. Nicholson for a state convention for the Brethren church of Iowa and Dakota. I second the motion, and by Eld. Nicholson's consent fix the place at Euon, Iowa, and the time on Monday, September 2nd. As the time is short it will be necessary to act immediately and promptly without any delay. Come brethren, let us be up and doing. Respond to the call immediately.

SAMUEL CAIN.

OUR DEAD.

HATHAWAY.—In Washington county, Pa., Rebecca F., wife of Henry Hathaway, departed this life July 28, 1889, aged 25 years, 11 months and 23 days. During her short illness she bore it with patience and meekness. She said if it was the Lord's will to take her from our number she was ready and willing to go. Before she crossed the silent river of death she called us one by one to her bedside and bade us farewell and expressed a desire to depart this life, and said we should meet her in heaven; then she sang that beautiful hymn:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free
No there's a cross for every one
And there's a cross for me.

B. M.

WEIGLEY.—Died Friday, July 26, 1889, at his residence near Belin, Pa. Seth Weigley, aged 76, years 8 months and 3 days. Deceased was born, lived and died on the same farm. His grandfather, Philip Weigley, sr., was one of the early settlers of Brothersvalley township, being assessed with 200 acres of land, and other property, as early as 1772. He died in 1831, aged 92 years, and for years previous to his death resided with his son, John, the father of the subject of this notice. John Weigley lived up on the same farm and died there in 1836, in the 55th year of his age. His widow, Elizabeth, lived with her son, Seth, until her death, in 1874, having lived to the age of 91 years.

Seth Weigley was married to Susan, daughter of the lamented Tobias Musser, the mother of the only daughter—Mrs. Henry S. Cober. The grandfather, father, mother and son, were all faithful members of the Brethren church, highly esteemed for their honesty and Christian character, and during the long period of almost 120 years, lived upon the same farm, enjoying the esteem and confidence of the entire community. The remains were deposited in the family burial ground on Sunday, July 28th, in the presence of a large concourse of neighbors and

friends, who deeply sympathize with the aged widow, daughter and grandchildren in their bereavement. The funeral sermon was preached in the Brethren church, Berlin, by Rev. John H. Knepper.

A FRIEND.

Berlin Record, Aug. 3, 1889.

Pray For My Husband.

In the town of East Salisbury, Mass., half a mile from the railway station, lived an old lady named Rhoda Mercer. Many years ago she belonged to a company of women who used to meet and pray for sailors, their husbands, sons and brothers on the sea.

One day a lady came in to see her, and found her ironing and said to her, 'Pray for my husband!'

She replied, 'I have prayed for him to-day.'

But she urged her to pray again, for she deeply felt his need of prayer. She stopped ironing and went away and prayed. She came back to ironing, and again went back and prayed. She came back again, and again retired to pray; and while praying, she could see this man struggling in the waves. She saw a boat let down from a vessel, saw the man sink, and while she was praying, in agony some one caught him by the hair and he was drawn into the boat and rescued. Months after, when the man returned safe and sound, he related that on that very day, and at that very hour, he was in those circumstances of peril, and was delivered precisely as she saw. This account we had from her pastor who received it from her own lips.—Sel.

Declaration of Independence.

It is both natural and common belief the adoption of the Declaration was followed immediately by the singing of it.

Such was not the case. It was adopted July 4th, 1776, and was published with the signature of the president and secretary of the meeting.

July 19 of the same year, it was resolved, that it should be signed by all the members of Congress. For this purpose it was ordered that a copy of the document should be engrossed on parchment. This having been done, it was signed on August 2nd, by fifty-four of the fifty-six persons whose names are now appended to it. Mathew Thornton, of New Hampshire took his seat the following November, and obtained permission to sign it; and in 1781 the fifty-sixth and last signer, Thomas McKean of Delaware—afterward Governor of Pennsylvania, from 1799 to 1808—put his name to it.

Few people know that the original Declaration of Independence is kept in the library of the State Department at Washington. It is in a cherry case under glass. But the doors are thrown open all day long, and strong rays of light

are eating up its ink day by day. It is written on parchment. The text of it is in a fine hand as fine as copper-plate and the ink of this paper can still be plainly read. The signatures, however, are written in different ink, and they are very fast disappearing under the action of the light. The bold signature of John Hancock is faded almost entirely out. Only J, o, b, and an H, remain. Two lines of names are entirely removed from the paper; not a vestige of ink remains to show that names were ever there. Ben Franklin's name is gone. Roger Sherman's name is fast fading. I could not find the name of Thomas Jefferson, and Elbridge Gerry has lost its last syllable Charles Carroll and John Adams have been scoured off by the light and only eleven names out of fifty-six can be read without a microscope. Just below this copy lies the original of it in Jefferson's handwriting. It is on foolscap paper, yellow with age, and worn through where the manuscript has been folded. The writing is fine and close, and the whole occupies but two pages. The ink is good, and it remains as fresh as when it left the quill of Jefferson over one hundred and twelve years ago. It is full of erasures and interlineations, some of which are in Franklin's handwriting, and the others in strong script of John Adams.—Sel.

They that did eat manna hungered again, died at last, and with many of them God was not well pleased; whereas, they who feed on Christ by faith shall never hunger and shall die no more, and with them God will be forever well-pleased.—M. Henry.

Two more proofs of the failure of Prohibition are just at hand. 1. The great brewery at Leavenworth, Kan., which has hitherto been running in defiance of the law was compelled to close, amidst the rejoicing of the people. 2. Saloon-riden Fort Dodge, La., rose up on March 5, in her majesty, and elected, after 'the most hotly contested election ever held there,' an anti-saloon mayor and 'the liquor sellers acknowledge the futility of further resistance.' Now, both of these were places where the Beerites, and Ginities, and the whiskeyites and all the other tribes of the Gittights, boasted that Prohibition could never be enforced—never!—Standare.

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